

VOTE
5/7/19

**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution

Bishop Phillip Aquilla "P.A." Brooks

"Celebrating 66 Years as Pastor and Founder"

WHEREAS, Bishop P.A. Brooks founded New St. Paul Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ (COGIC) in 1953. From humble beginnings, the ministry has grown to an impressive record of accomplishments and service to God and the community. A devoted family man, Bishop Brooks and his lovely wife, Missionary Doris Brooks have been married since 1952. They are the parents of two children; daughter, Evangelist Faithe Brooks and son, Minister Phillip Brooks II. Bishop and Mrs. Brooks are the proud grandparents of two granddaughters, Candace and Katrina, and one grandson, Phillip III; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Brooks faith, obedience and commitment to the Word of God is the foundation for his service within the Kingdom of God. These basic characteristics are the driving force behind his love for the COGIC and for the community at large. In the late 1960's, then Elder Brooks founded and hosted the March of Faith radio broadcast. He proclaimed the Word of God every Sunday morning over the airwaves. In 1975, he was appointed Jurisdictional Prelate of the Historic First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan, commonly known as, the Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction. That same year, he established the March of Faith television broadcast. Bishop Brooks was the first African American pastor to broadcast on television in Detroit. The broadcast aired on WGPR Channel 62, which was the first Black-owned television station in the country. The March of Faith Broadcast Ministry continues today, both on radio and television; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Brooks expanded his local ministry into a variety of community outreach programs. He founded the Grandmont-Rosedale Christian Day School, for grades K through 8 and the New St. Paul Tabernacle Headstart Agency, which became the model for headstart programs in the City of Detroit, with 11 affiliated centers. Bishop Brooks also established the New St. Paul Non-Profit Housing Corporation, which built the Faith Manor Senior Apartments on the campus of New St. Paul Tabernacle; and

WHEREAS, During his ministerial career, Bishop Brooks has forged a path which distinguishes him as one of the most respected leaders in the COGIC. His vision has helped transform the church, while at the same time, upholding COGIC traditions. Bishop Brooks is continually working for the strength and credibility of the COGIC, both regionally and nationally. As part of his duties on the General Board, Bishop Brooks has been called upon to serve as Interim Bishop in at least 11 different states (Michigan, New York, Illinois, Ohio, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri, Florida, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania). He also serves as Dean of the COGIC Episcopal Academy, teaching classes for newly installed Bishops each October at All Saints College in Memphis, Tennessee. In 2007, Bishop Brooks was elected Second Assistant Presiding Bishop of the COGIC. In 2009, under Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake Sr., he was elevated to First Assistant Presiding Bishop, an office through which he continues to serve the church today. Bishop Phillip Aquilla "P.A." Brooks is a notable leader for our time and a man of great spiritual depth, faith, obedience and commitment. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and office of Council President Brenda Jones, joins with friends and members to congratulate Bishop Phillip Aquilla "P.A." Brooks on this momentous occasion, celebrating 66 Years as the Founder and Pastor of New St. Paul Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ.

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*Testimonial Resolution***80****Bro. A. Reginald Best, Jr.****10th Pastoral Anniversary****Elmwood Park Church of Christ****WHEREAS**

Bro. A. Reginald Best, Jr., has been the Senior Minister of Elmwood Park Church of Christ since November 2008. Before coming to the Elmwood Park Church of Christ, he was blessed to serve and train within the ranks of other area congregations known for their deep spiritual roots. He has a tremendous passion for God's word, coupled with a love of God's people. Bro. Best has a spirit of generosity that flows through every facet of his ministry; **and**

WHEREAS

A native of Detroit, Michigan, he began his religious studies at Michigan Christian College in Rochester, Michigan, and later went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Industrial/Organizational Psychology and Master of Arts in Education, both from Wayne State University. Bro. Best is a former teacher and administrator with Detroit Public Schools, and has also held positions at several major universities. He is actively involved with the Detroit Police Department as a Chaplain, and serves on the Board of Directors for Michigan Christian Youth Camp, in Lapeer, Michigan; **and**

WHEREAS

Bro. A. Reginald Best, Jr., has overseen a number of programs that connect the church with the community. He recently adopted the Leroy Dues Park, adjacent to the church, and has led a community effort to maintain, clean and beautify the park. Bro. Best has hosted a community forum on "Crisis Among Black Males", DTE Energy Forum to assist those who are struggling with energy bill payments, the Youth Development Commission Employment fairs for Detroit youth and Make the Move to Improve Basketball program for boys and girls ages 7-18; with plans to start a summer softball league, tennis and basketball camp for youth in the near future; **and**

WHEREAS

Bro. A. Reginald Best, Jr., believes that the church is the vehicle of change, and it is our responsibility to improve conditions in our community by holding firmly to Matthew 28:10 "Go ye therefore and teach all nations". Bro. Best loves God with his whole heart and enjoys attending and participating in fruitful Christian works and activities. He humbly embraces the profound truth that he is nothing without almighty God and is especially thankful to God for Elmwood Park Church of Christ, his family and his true friends in the Gospel. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED

That the **Detroit City Council and Office of Council President Brenda Jones**, along with **Elmwood Park Church of Christ**, family and friends would like to take this time to extend Congratulations to **Bro. A. Reginald Best Jr.**, on this wonderful occasion. May God continue to bless you in abundance!



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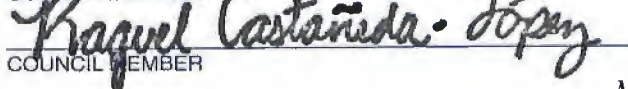
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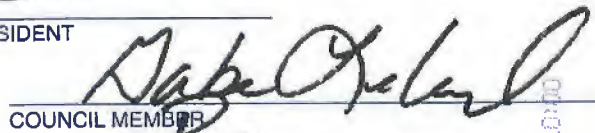
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St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church "50 Years of Service"

- WHEREAS** In the year of 1969 Reverend Theron Hodges, Sr. conducted devotional services for his young, newly formed congregation. In May of that same year a dream became a reality when St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church officially registered with the State of Michigan and stands open to this day after 50 years of service; **and**
- WHEREAS** During that time, under the leadership of the Reverend Theron Hodges, St. Phillips grew and installed 92 members, including 1 Deacon, 1 Trustee, and 19 Auxiliaries; **and**
- WHEREAS** In the year 1972, the congregation was able to purchase the church and in two short years extended and modernized it, including the auditorium, to allow a seating capacity of 250 members. By 1975 the exterior portion of the Church was modernized and in January 1976, as membership continued to grow, the auditorium was again expanded to accommodate 350 members and the creation of the Church's beautiful and elegant modern day sanctuary; **and**
- WHEREAS** In 1979, more blessings came to the Church through Mr. and Mrs. O.B. House. Property was donated to provide a parking lot. Then in August of 1979 a larger parking lot was obtained. That same year, two adjoining buildings were purchased and through many hours of laboring those buildings were converted into a fellowship hall. By November of that following year, St. Phillips began a renovation of the interior part of the Church. By May of 1981 the members of St. Phillips returned to celebrate and worship; **and**
- WHEREAS** St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church continued to grow and the need for expansion arose again. In October of 1986, ground was broken to initiate the expansion. The auditorium was enlarged to allow for the seating capacity of 600 members. In 1987 a food pantry was begun to support homeless citizens. From 1995 until present day, St. Phillips had several more successful resolutions. In 2003, the congregation came under the leadership of Pastor Reverend Alvin D. Hodges Sr. Under his leadership 25 new deacons and 2 ministers have been ordained, a Youth Department has been created. **THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**
- RESOLVED** That the Councilman Roy McCalister, Jr, and the Detroit City Council Members, do hereby commend **St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church** for 50 years of outstanding service and dedication to the people of the City of Detroit. May God continue to bless St. Phillips', by sending lost sheep from out of the wilderness, that they will find salvation within their sacred doors. GOD BE THE GLORY!

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